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A History of The Filson Club, Including Lists of Filson Club Publications and Papers on Kentucky History Prepared for the Club, Also Names of Members

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A History of The Filson Club

Read before the Club, April 3, 1922

The Filson Club was organized May 15, 1884, in Louisville. From the standpoint of continuous existence it is the oldest historical association in Kentucky, and one of the oldest in the Middle West. The thirty-one books of Kentucky history written by its members and printed as Filson Club Publications are well known among students of national and Kentucky history and can be found in many of the large libraries in the country. These Publications, however, represent only one phase of work accomplished by the Club. Other activities are shown by the papers written for the Club and by sundry materials gathered by members and now preserved in its Archives.

Historical societies in other states and cities have done much good work, but few, if any, were handicapped as has been The Filson Club in not owning a home of its own. A Filson Club building and money to maintain it would have encouraged even greater activities among the members and resulted in greater contributions to the Archives. Because the Club had no fireproof building much material in Kentucky pertaining to the State's history has passed into the hands of libraries and historical societies in other states. Its chief activity has been the encouragement of research work and the issuing of Publications. These Publications have given the Club a position among the best historical societies in America.

Historical societies have been organized from time to time in Kentucky for the purpose of gathering material, but they were short lived and such materials as they had collected were dissipated. Most of the pioneers who made early Kentucky history were then dead and gone, and even those who had heard them tell of the exploits of themselves and their contemporaries, were long past middle age and were rapidly dying out. Men like Dr. Lyman C. Draper had been holding interviews with pioneers and their families for many years, obtaining such written evidence as they were able to gather, with the purpose of writing one or more works dealing with those stirring events and the active, hardy people of pioneer times. Dr. Draper's wonderful

collection of material long ago passed into the hands of the Wisconsin State Historical Society.

Much, if not most, of the material that was then gathered was collected by non-residents of Kentucky and removed from the State. Some Kentuckians began to recognize that it was high time the descendants of those who made the Mississippi River instead of the Appalachian Mountains the western boundary of our "Thirteen United States," and who built up the grand old Commonwealth, should bestir themselves and begin to collect and save what was left.

Accordingly, on May 15, 1884, Reuben T. Durrett, Richard H. Collins, William Chenault, John Mason Brown, Basil W. Duke, George M. Davie, James S. Pirtle, Thomas W. Bullitt, Alexander P. Humphrey and Thomas Speed, ten of the leading spirits of Louisville, met at the residence of Colonel Reuben Thomas Durrett—202 East Chestnut Street, at the southeast corner of Brook—and organized an association for the purpose of collecting and preserving Kentucky history. Colonel Durrett, the chief instigator of this movement, was a journalist, lawyer, a man of affairs, and a student of Kentucky history. He was elected president, with Thomas Speed secretary and E. T. Halsey treasurer.

The organization was named The Filson Club. It was so called in honor of John Filson who, one hundred years before, in 1784, published the first history of Kentucky—*The Discovery, Settlement and Present State of Kentucke.* The first paper read before the Club was by Colonel Durrett, and with equal appropriateness an enlargement of this paper was its first Publication—JOHN FILSON, The First Historian of Kentucky, An Account of His Life and Writings.

For the benefit of new and prospective members Colonel Durrett published the following synopsis of the career of John Filson:

"The Filson Club is an historical and literary association of ladies and gentlemen, located in Louisville, Kentucky. At its first meeting the association was named The Filson Club, in honor of John Filson who was the author of the first history and the first map of Kentucky. Filson's history, a quaint little volume of 118 octavo pages, entitled *Kentucke*, was published at Wilmington, Delaware, in 1784, and his map appeared in Philadelphia the same year. The book and the map have now become very scarce, and when sold bring high prices.

"John Filson was a Pennsylvanian by birth, and was born on the Brandywine, probably in 1747. His education, though below the standard of modern times, was sufficient to qualify him for surveyor, school-teacher and author. He must have known something of Greek, Latin and French, as he used a word from each of these languages in giving a name to the town first established where Cincinnati now stands. He laid out a town there in 1788 and named it Losantiville. This name seems to have been made up of the initial *L* for Licking, the Latin *os* for mouth, the Greek *anti* for opposite to, and the French *ville* for the city, meaning all together the city opposite to the mouth of the Licking River. The name of Losantiville disappeared after the death of Filson, and was succeeded by Cincinnati.

"Filson probably came to Kentucky in 1782 as one of the host of adventurers who sought lands here to be paid for with the paper money of Virginia issued during the Revolutionary War. In 1783 he located in Fayette County 12,368½ acres and in Jefferson County 1,500 acres, making a total of 13,868½ acres. He also located lands in the Illinois country, but how many acres or where situated cannot now be ascertained because of the burning of records at Vincennes in 1814.

"While Filson was roaming over the country in search of lands, he was also gathering information for his history and map of Kentucky. He was constantly thrown with Daniel Boone, Levi Todd, James Harrod, Christopher Greenup, John Cowan, William Kennedy, and others who hunted game and fought Indians over the whole country and were well acquainted with every part of it. It is said of Boone that he was so perfect a woodsman that he could walk up and down a long creek or river and then tell every stream that came into it, and designate every peculiarity on both banks. From such men as these Filson got the facts for his history and map, and hence they were wonderful productions for their day. In his history he inserted the biography, or rather the autobiography, of Daniel Boone, which not only secured the immortality of the old pioneer but made the first and most valuable chapter in early Kentucky history. On his map were laid down all the forts or stations which shielded the pioneers from the Indians, and it is not too much to say that no one can at this day properly understand the early history of Kentucky without Filson's history and map.

"While he was at work upon his town of Losantiville in 1788, he went with a surveying and exploring party to the Great Miami River. After ascending this stream some miles he became separated from his party, and he was never seen afterward. Search was made for him, but nothing of his remains was ever found. Neither did intelligence of him ever come from any Indian tribe into which he might have fallen by capture. Whether a straggling Indian slew him or a wild animal made way with him, or his own exhausted heart ceased to beat, may never be known. The grand old sycamores of the Miami Valley beneath which he disappeared have told no story of the manner of his departure."

Six meetings of the Club were held in 1884, at varying intervals. In February, 1885, the time for regular meetings was agreed upon—the first Monday night of every month, except July, August and September, the summer vacation. Nine regular meetings have been held every year since then, on the nine specified Monday nights, though special meetings have occasionally been called.

The Club was incorporated on October 6, 1891. Its purpose is thus set forth in one of the articles of incorporation: "The principal place of business of this corporation is Louisville, Kentucky. The general nature of the business to be transacted is the collection and preservation and publication of historic matter pertaining to the State of Kentucky and adjacent states; and the cultivation of a taste for historic inquiry and study among its members. The Club shall have power to collect, maintain and preserve a library and a museum, and to acquire suitable grounds and buildings in which to place them."

As to qualifications for membership, anyone interested in Kentucky history was then, and still is, eligible. Preparing a paper for the Club never was obligatory.

From 1884 to 1913 meetings were held in Colonel Durrett's library at his residence, the main feature being a prepared paper, a set lecture or an informal talk, followed by an open discussion of the subject, and, frequently, by personal reminiscences. Then a closing recess, as it were, took place; all present became Colonel Durrett's personal guests. Cider was served and the gentlemen who smoked were supplied with "Filson Club" cigars made by a member of the Club.

Colonel Durrett's home was the depository and headquarters for the Club from its beginning and continued as such for twenty-eight years until his death in 1913. After his death the Club's Archives were transferred to the private library of R. C. Ballard Thruston, in the Columbia Building, where they are carefully preserved and made available to the public.

The meetings in Colonel Durrett's library were, of course, open only to members, personally invited guests, and representatives of the press. Since his death all meetings except those in January have been in the Louisville Free Public Library and were open to the public. The first of these January meetings was held in 1914, when the Club was the guest of Bennett H. Young in his residence on Ormsby Avenue. Since that year both members and their personally invited friends have been, on each first Monday in January, the guests of Vice-President R. C. Ballard Thruston in his library where the Club's portraits, papers, books and relics are housed. At these meetings the social feature, which in Colonel Durrett's time was made so attractive, continues to add its charm and interest, and those attending are given an opportunity to look over the latest additions to the Archives.

Down to 1913 formal records of meetings were not kept but short notes were made and used as memoranda for a verbal report at the succeeding meeting. Neither notes nor minutes prior to 1913 are now in the Archives of the Club. Membership lists, however, were compiled every year and are preserved.

Ever since the organization of the Club the Louisville newspapers have been liberal in publishing notices of the meetings, giving the title of the subject to be presented and discussed, and the day following a meeting each has printed a more or less detailed account of the proceedings, if the topic was of general interest.

The Centennial of Kentucky, June 1, 1892, was the first big event celebrated by the Club. It was elaborately observed by a public meeting at Macauley's Theatre in the morning, followed by a banquet to members and guests at the Galt House in the evening. The speeches delivered were carefully prepared and are given in full in Publication No. 7: THE CENTENARY OF KENTUCKY.

Another significant celebration was the Club's silver jubilee held in Colonel Durrett's library, May 15, 1909. Addresses were made by Zachary F. Smith, Alfred Pirtle, J. Stoddard Johnston and

Bennett H. Young. On that occasion Colonel Durrett was presented with a life-size portrait of himself, painted by Aurelius C. Revanaugh.

Colonel Durrett was born January 22, 1824, and therefore was in his eighty-sixth year when the Club celebrated its silver jubilee in 1909. He not only was one of its founders, but the real founder—the father of the Club—and its president from its foundation until his death on September 16, 1913. His library was his paradise; Kentucky history was his hobby. The annual dues were $3.00, but that was not sufficient to pay for the annual Publication which each member received. The deficit was sometimes borne by the author of the book, but usually by Colonel Durrett, whose expenditures in financing the Club exceeded $1000.00 a year—a sum he cheerfully paid.

He had long hoped a Filson Club building would some day be procured for the preservation of his library and the Club's Archives and that the collections would grow and develop into a Mecca for students of the history of Kentucky and the Ohio Valley, and stand as a memorial to the men and women whose lives and deeds made possible the achievements of their successors. He offered to give his library to the Club if a suitable building for housing it would be procured.

In 1896 he had advocated the raising of funds to purchase the Custom House (now the Courier-Journal Building) at Third and Liberty streets, and at a later date he tried to encourage the purchase of what was then the Norvin Green residence (now the Young Women's Christian Association) at Second and Broadway, promising in each instance that he would donate his library should the building be procured, made fireproof, and devoted to the collection and preservation of historical material. But the aim was too high and the Club was not able to effect either purchase.

More than once he remarked that "a few of our members do the work and the rest help make the meetings pleasant and attractive." Spurred by the keen interest of the few he, as late as June, 1912, expressed his intention of leaving his library to the Louisville Free Public Library which, since 1908, had occupied a well-equipped modern fireproof building.

When left alone he evidently reflected that his library, which he had spent years collecting and which he loved as a child, might be dissipated and the best of it find its way into private hands, as had

been the case with the archives of some of the earlier historical societies on their discontinuance. He feared that any public library controlled by a city government might at some time be dominated by unscrupulous politicians. He felt convinced that in Louisville and Kentucky there was a great lack of interest in the collecting and preserving of history. The only other state-wide historical society in Kentucky—the Kentucky State Historical Society, at Frankfort—was then making little or no progress. Except for the persistent efforts of Mrs. Jennie C. Morton, the regent, that society probably would have passed out of existence shortly after it was reorganized in 1896.

So a few months before his death, negotiations were entered into which resulted in the sale of the Durrett Library to the University of Chicago. Several conditions were attached; among them that it be housed in a fireproof building or room, that it remain intact, and that it be called "The Durrett Collection."

When the sale became known in Louisville, it was a sad blow to the Louisville Free Public Library, for the board had refrained from buying many rare and valuable books because copies of them were among the 30,000 volumes owned by Colonel Durrett which they expected to acquire at his death.

The Filson Club's property was, of course, not included in the sale of the Durrett library. No separate list of the Club's books and other belongings had been kept. Everything presented to Colonel Durrett for his library and for the Club and all books and magazines received as exchanges were shelved with his books, and, not being specifically marked, went with his library to the University of Chicago. Thus much of the Club's valuable material passed into the hands of the university because there was no record or other means of identification.

A few years after the sale a member discovered among the documents that had been shipped to Chicago four marked as the property of The Filson Club—four original orderly books containing the records of General Anthony Wayne's expedition against the Shawnee Indians in 1794-96—and they were returned. On another occasion seven volumes of early court and surveyor's records of Jefferson County were found among the books delivered to the university and they, too, were returned to their official keepers.

Since Colonel Durrett's death the Archives have been in the custody of Mr. Thruston, who at his own expense not only houses

the Club's books, documents and other belongings, but also carefully marks and lists and separately shelves them.

It is likely that if Colonel Durrett had offered to sell his library to Louisville, the city or some of its citizens would have purchased the collection and presented it to the Public Library or to The Filson Club. Be that as it may, the Durrett Collection was neither given nor sold to The Filson Club, nor to any other historical society in Kentucky because none owned a fireproof building devoted to history.

Kentucky's annals have contributed more to the early history of the Middle West than have the annals of any other state. Nevertheless many of the other states have gathered and deposited, and are still gathering and depositing, in their archives more original material on Kentucky than Kentucky itself. The largest collections gathered in Kentucky were those of Draper and of Durrett, and both have left the State.

From the time of its origin down to 1913 the Club was to a very great extent dependent on Colonel Durrett. During those many years The Filson Club was, in a sense, his club. That dependence began to react after his death and to arouse the membership to a realization of the necessity of running a less private and more public association. In 1914 the Club began to consider the framing of a new constitution and the adopting of new by-laws. Because of the World War and the business conditions throughout the country that followed, it was deemed best to attempt no radical changes for a while. The membership now feels that the time for such changes is rapidly approaching. Among other projects contemplated is the acquiring of a building.

Since Colonel Durrett's death the usual number of meetings has been held every year, but they were at the Louisville Free Public Library, open to the public and therefore without the charming social features that were characteristic of those held in his home. The January meetings, however, as already stated, are different. They are intended not only as "recurrences" of the Durrett meetings, but are also arranged for the purpose of familiarizing the members with the Club's property.

Since 1913 many original papers have been read, five new Filson Club Publications have been published, and some material has been added to the Archives. The dues have been changed to $2.00 a year, and the money used toward defraying the general expense of the

Club. Every officer contributes his work, and has done so since the beginning of the organization. The Publications issued since Colonel Durrett's death have been financed by the author of the book or by some other member.

On November 19, 1918, the anniversary of the birth of General George Rogers Clark was celebrated. On April 24, 1921, the Club made a pilgrimage to the sites of some of the old forts or stations on Beargrass Creek, and thus inaugurated visits to unmarked historic places for the purpose of arousing interest in them. Research work is being done along various lines of Kentucky history and the preparation of more papers and Publications continues.

Much Kentucky history which otherwise might have been lost forever is preserved in the Club's thirty-one Publications and in its many papers. From the standpoint of its Publications and papers the Club has proved a success. The growth of its Archives, compared to its activities in the various lines of original research, has not been a proportionate success. This is due to lack of sufficient space for the preservation and display of a library and museum, which display in turn would have resulted in the acquiring of more books and relics and other material bearing on Kentucky history. When the Club has procured a building of its own, it will be in a position to increase its activities, influence and usefulness.

Regardless of the result and character of the future activities of The Filson Club, the thirty-one Publications issued and the many papers prepared by members from 1884 to 1922 will ever stand as a monument to Kentucky and the historical society founded by Colonel Reuben T. Durrett.

FILSON CLUB PUBLICATIONS

1884-1922

The Club's activities in the field of publishing history have gone beyond the expectations of the charter members and many of the others who followed. Thirty-one books of original matter on Kentucky history, written by members, have been issued as Filson Club Publications. Other original papers on local and state history, also written for the Club and read at its meetings, are still unpublished. Selections from these papers will be printed from time to time.

The thirty-one Publications are monographs varying from seventy-five to 300 pages, except one, which is a book of 545 pages. The average is about 225 pages. They were printed for the purpose of making more easily available the material gathered by the members who did the research work and prepared the manuscripts. These Publications have been favorably reviewed by the press and carefully studied by historians and others interested in the early Middle West.

Colonel Theodore Roosevelt was among the first historians to visit the large private library of Colonel Durrett shortly after the Club was organized and Colonel Durrett became the custodian of its Archives. In the preface to *The Winning of the West*, published in 1889, Colonel Roosevelt says: "For original matter connected with Kentucky, I am greatly indebted to Colonel Reuben T. Durrett, of Louisville, the founder of The Filson Club, which has done much admirable work of late years. . . . I am also under great obligation to Colonel John Mason Brown of Louisville, another member of The Filson Club." To his chapter entitled "Kentucky Until the End of the Revolution" Colonel Roosevelt adds in a footnote: "I cannot forbear again commenting on the really admirable historic work now being done by Messrs. Brown, Durrett, Speed, and other members of The Louisville Filson Club." At that time (1888) only four Publications had been issued by the Club, and all of them are cited in *The Winning of the West.*

The Filson Club Publications are cited by many writers. In fact nearly every well prepared book or paper bearing directly or indirectly on the early history of Kentucky or the Middle West, published since about 1900, quotes from or cites one or more of The

Filson Club Publications. As authority in its particular field of history each book ranks among the highest. The Club proposes to maintain that high standard.

The Publications are of interest to the casual reader of Kentucky history as well as to the careful student. School teachers frequently use selections from them for readings or recitations. Recently one of them—THE POLITICAL CLUB—was dramatized by Mrs. W. T. Lafferty, a member of The Filson Club, and Miss Frances Marsh, of the University of Kentucky. It was presented for the first time in May, 1921, before the meeting of the Kentucky Federation of Women's Clubs then in session at Danville. Thus in many ways do the Club's books arouse an interest in history—one of the purposes for which they were published.

All the Publications are limited editions; all are bound in paper cover, except No. 30 and No. 32, some copies of which are bound in paper, others in green cloth, and No. 31, all of which are in green cloth. These books are not for sale in the commercial sense, but copies left beyond the requirements of the Club for its members, its exchanges with other historical associations, and for gifts, are sold at about cost price. All the Publications are from the press of John P. Morton and Company, Louisville, except No. 29 and the first edition of No. 1. For information regarding prices write to The Secretary, The Filson Club, Louisville.

1. JOHN FILSON, the first historian of Kentucky. An account of his life and writings, principally from original sources. By *Reuben T. Durrett.* Illustrated. Quarto, 132 pages. 1884. (First edition was printed by Robert Clark and Company, Cincinnati, 1884.)

*2. THE WILDERNESS ROAD. A description of the routes of travel by which the pioneers and early settlers first came to Kentucky. By *Thomas Speed.* Illustrated with a map showing the route of travel. Quarto, 75 pages. 1886.

*3. THE PIONEER PRESS OF KENTUCKY. From the printing of the first paper west of the Alleghanies, August 11, 1787, to the establishment of The Daily Press, in 1830. By *William Henry Perrin.* Illustrated. Quarto, 93 pages. 1888.

*4. LIFE AND TIMES OF JUDGE CALEB WALLACE. Some time a Justice of the Court of Appeals of the State of Kentucky. By *William H. Whitsitt.* Quarto, 151 pages. 1888.

* Out of print.

5. An Historical Sketch of St. Paul's Church, Louisville, Kentucky. Prepared for the Semi-Centennial Celebration, October 6, 1889. By *Reuben T. Durrett.* Illustrated. Quarto, xv—75 pages. 1889.

*6. The Political Beginnings of Kentucky. A narrative of public events bearing on the history of that State up to the time of its admission into the American Union. By *John Mason Brown.* Illustrated with a likeness of the author. Quarto, 263 pages. 1889.

7. The Centenary of Kentucky. Proceedings at the celebration by The Filson Club, June 1, 1892, of the one hundredth anniversary of the admission of Kentucky as an Independent State into the Federal Union. Prepared for publication by *Reuben T. Durrett.* Illustrated. Quarto, 200 pages. 1892.

8. The Centenary of Louisville. A paper read before the Southern Historical Association, May 1, 1880, in commemoration of the one hundredth anniversary of the beginning of the city of Louisville as an incorporated town under an act of the Legislature of Virginia. By *Reuben T. Durrett.* Illustrated. Quarto, 200 pages. 1893.

*9. The Political Club, Danville, Kentucky, 1786-1790. Being an account of an early Kentucky debating society, from the original papers recently found. By *Thomas Speed.* Quarto, xii—167 pages. 1894.

*10. The Life and Writings of Rafinesque. His activities in Kentucky and elsewhere. By *Richard Ellsworth Call.* Illustrated. Quarto, xii—227 pages. 1895.

*11. Transylvania University. Its origin, rise, decline and fall. The first university in Kentucky. By *Dr. Robert Peter* and his daughter, *Miss Johanna Peter.* Illustrated with a likeness of Dr. Peter. Quarto, 202 pages. 1896.

12. Bryant's Station. And the Memorial Proceedings held on its site under the auspices of the Lexington Chapter D. A. R., August 18, 1896, in honor of its heroic mothers and daughters. Five addresses, including The Battle of the Blue Licks, by Bennett H. Young. Prepared for publication by *Reuben T. Durrett.* Illustrated. Quarto, xii—277 pages. 1897.

* Out of print.

*13. First Explorations of Kentucky. Dr. Thomas Walker's Journal of an exploration of Kentucky in 1750, being the first record of a white man's visit to the interior of that territory; also Colonel Christopher Gist's Journal of a tour through Ohio and Kentucky in 1751. With notes and sketches. By *J. Stoddard Johnston.* Illustrated. Quarto, xix—222 pages. 1898.

*14. The Clay Family. Part First: The Mother of Henry Clay, by *Zachary F. Smith.* Part Second: The Genealogy of the Clays, by *Mrs. Mary Rogers Clay.* Illustrated. Quarto, vi—252 pages. 1899.

15. The Battle of Tippecanoe, November 7, 1811. The battle and the battle-ground, including an account of the Kentuckians who took part. By *Alfred Pirtle.* Illustrated. Quarto, xix—158 pages. 1900.

*16. Boonesborough. Its founding, pioneer struggles, Indian experiences, Transylvania days and Revolutionary annals, with full historical notes and appendix. By *George W. Ranck.* Illustrated. Quarto, xii—286 pages. 1901.

*17. The Old Masters of the Bluegrass. Biographical sketches of the Kentucky artists, Matthew H. Jouett, Joseph H. Bush, John Grimes, Oliver Frazer, Louis Morgan and Joel T. Hart. By *Samuel W. Price.* Preface: Life of Samuel W. Price, by Reuben T. Durrett. Illustrated. Quarto, xvii—181 pages. 1902.

*18. The Battle of the Thames. In which Kentuckians defeated the British, French and Indians, October 5, 1813. With a list of officers and privates who won the victory. By *Bennett H. Young.* Illustrated. Quarto, xii—274 pages. 1903.

*19. The Battle of New Orleans. Including the previous engagements between the Americans and the British, the Indians, and the Spanish which led to the final conflict on January 8, 1815. List of Kentuckians in the battle. By *Zachary F. Smith.* Illustrated. Quarto, xvi—209 pages. 1904.

*20. The History of the Medical Department of Transylvania University. By *Dr. Robert Peter.* Prepared for publication by his daughter *Miss Johanna Peter.* Illustrated. Quarto, xii—193 pages. 1905.

* Out of print.

*21. LOPEZ'S EXPEDITIONS TO CUBA, 1850–1851. An account of the Cardenas and Bahia Honda expeditions, and the Kentuckians who took part. By *Anderson C. Quisenberry.* Illustrated. Quarto, 172 pages. 1906.

*22. THE QUEST FOR A LOST RACE. Presenting the theory of Paul B. Du Chaillu that the English-speaking people of today are descended from the Scandinavians rather than the Teutons, from the Normans rather than the Germans. With a list of a number of Kentuckians whose names indicate descent from the Scandinavians or Norman-French. By *Thomas E. Pickett.* Illustrated. Quarto, XXIV—229 pages. 1907.

23. TRADITIONS OF THE EARLIEST VISITS OF FOREIGNERS TO NORTH AMERICA, the first formed and first inhabited of the Continents. Including the tradition that Prince Madoc planted in America, in the twelfth century, a Welsh colony which at one time occupied the country at the Falls of the Ohio. By *Reuben T. Durrett.* Illustrated. Quarto, XXII—179 pages. 1908.

24. SKETCHES OF TWO DISTINGUISHED KENTUCKIANS. Part First: The Life of James Francis Leonard, the first practical sound-reader of the Morse alphabet. By *John Wilson Townsend.* Part Second: Biographical Sketch of Colonel Joseph Crockett, a Revolutionary soldier and Kentucky pioneer. By *Samuel W. Price.* Illustrated. Quarto, XII—85 and VII—85 pages. 1909.

25. THE PREHISTORIC MEN OF KENTUCKY. A history of what is known of their lives and habits, together with a description of their implements and other relics and of the tumuli which have earned for them the designation of Mound Builders. By *Bennett H. Young.* Illustrated. Quarto, XIII—343 pages. 1910.

26. THE KENTUCKY MOUNTAINS. Transportation and commerce from 1750 to 1911. A study in the economic history of the Eastern Kentucky coal field. By *Mary Verhoeff.* Illustrated. Quarto, XIII—208 pages. 1911.

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* Out of print.

27. PETITIONS OF THE EARLY INHABITANTS OF KENTUCKY TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF VIRGINIA, 1769 to 1792. A collection of petitions from the pioneer population of Kentucky while it was still a county of Virginia. By *James R. Robertson*. Illustrated. Quarto, XV—246 pages. 1914.

28. THE KENTUCKY RIVER NAVIGATION. A history of improvements on the river and its mountain tributaries, and of the rise and decline of the Kentucky-New Orleans traffic. Also a history of the resources and industries of the mountain section of the river basin. By *Mary Verhoeff*. Illustrated. Octavo, VI—257 pages. 1917.

29. THE ANTI-SLAVERY MOVEMENT IN KENTUCKY PRIOR TO 1850. From the first attack upon slavery in Kentucky down to and including the State Constitutional Convention of 1849. By *Asa Earl Martin*. Octavo, 165 pages. Printed by The Standard Printing Company of Louisville. 1918.

30. THE STORY OF A POET: MADISON CAWEIN. His intimate life as revealed by his letters and hitherto unpublished material, including reminiscences by his closest associates; also articles from newspapers and magazines, and a list of his poems. By *Otto A. Rothert*. In paper cover same as the Club's former Publications; also bound in green cloth. Illustrated. Octavo, XI—545 pages. 1921.

31. POLITICAL TRANSACTIONS IN AND CONCERNING KENTUCKY. A reprint of "Political Transactions in and concerning Kentucky," by William Littell, published in 1806, and of "A Letter from George Nicholas, of Kentucky, to His Friend in Virginia," published in 1798. With an Introduction written in 1922, by *Temple Bodley*. Bound in green cloth. Octavo, 150 pages. 1922.

32. THE FILSON CLUB AND ITS ACTIVITIES, 1884-1922. A history of The Filson Club, including list of Filson Club Publications and list of papers prepared for the Club, also names of members. By *Otto A. Rothert*. Some copies bound in green cloth, others in paper. Octavo, 64 pages. 1922.

FILSON CLUB PAPERS

1884-1922

The following list, heretofore not published, gives the titles of papers prepared for The Filson Club, read at one of the meetings and deposited in the Club's Archives. This list includes the papers in Filson Club Publications No. 1 to No. 32.

Papers read before the Club but not permanently deposited in the Archives are not included. Some of the manuscripts read prior to 1917 were withdrawn from the Archives and submitted by their authors to magazines or newspapers, but no record was kept of the time or place of their appearance in print. The Secretary will be glad to have his attention called to any article in print designated as a paper read before the Club prior to 1917.

All papers read before the Club since 1917 are in the Archives, and, if published, a notation shows when and where printed.

A set lecture or an informal talk, instead of an original paper, constituted the main feature of many of the Club's meetings. These lectures and talks were instructive and entertaining and did much toward promoting an interest in Kentucky history. They were, however, not preserved in manuscript or any other form and therefore no copies or synopses of them appear in the Archives.

In addition to the papers here listed there are other manuscripts in the Archives, such as old letters, diaries, journals and drawings. These documents and the rare old books, newspapers and magazines and the various relics bearing on local, state and national history are carefully preserved. The Club proposes to print a complete catalogue of the Archives after a building sufficiently large for the better protection and handling of its belongings has been procured. Not until then can the documents and other material be made more conveniently accessible to students and exhibited more advantageously to the public.

ALLISON, YOUNG E.

"My Old Kentucky Home"—The Song and Its Story. Read before the Club, November 3, 1919. Printed in The Courier-Journal, Sunday Magazine Section, April 10, 1921.

ANDERSON, CHARLES.

Recollections of Pioneer Times. Response to a toast, Centennial Banquet, June 1, 1892. Published in Filson Club Publications No. 7: THE CENTENARY OF KENTUCKY.

ANDERSON, MISS KITTY.

Soldiers' Retreat—the Home of Richard Clough Anderson, Sr. Read before the Club, April 7, 1919. Printed in The Register of the Kentucky State Historical Society, September, 1919.

ANDERSON, MISS MARGARET STEELE.

Poems of Old Louisville. Louisville Evening Post, Saturday, May 19, 1917, and every Saturday to June 16, 1917. Read before the Club, June 4, 1918.

BODLEY, TEMPLE.

George Rogers Clark. Response to a toast, Centennial Banquet, June 1, 1892. Published in Filson Club Publications No. 7: THE CENTENARY OF KENTUCKY.

Introduction to Filson Club Publications No. 31: POLITICAL TRANSACTIONS IN AND CONCERNING KENTUCKY.

BOURNE, JAMES M.

Reverend David Morton—1833-1898. Read before the Club, May 2, 1898.

BROWN, JOHN MASON.

POLITICAL BEGINNINGS OF KENTUCKY. Read in part before the Club; printed in 1889 as Filson Club Publications No. 6.

BRYANT, THOMAS JULIAN.

Bryant's Station and Its Founder, William Bryant. Read before the Club, December 5, 1910.

CALL, RICHARD ELLSWORTH.

LIFE AND WRITINGS OF RAFINESQUE. Read in part before the Club; printed in 1895 as Filson Club Publications No. 10.

CALLAHAN, J. E.

My Earliest Recollections of Louisville. Read before the Club, April 2, 1917.

CAWEIN, MADISON.

How They Brought Aid to Bryant's Station [August 16, 1782] —a poem. Read before the Club, October 4, 1897.

CLAY, MRS. MARY ROGERS.

The Genealogy of the Clays. Read before the Club; printed in 1899 as Part Second of THE CLAY FAMILY, Filson Club Publications No. 14.

COATS, MRS. IDA SYMMES.

The Bardstown Road in the Olden Days. Read before the Club, October 4, 1915.

Aunt Liza Tevis—The history of a negro woman who after she was freed in 1833 owned slaves and befriended many negroes. She lived in and near Louisville until her death in 1887. Read before the Club, April 1, 1918.

COLLINS, VAL P.

The County Growth of Kentucky. Changes in Kentucky geography brought about by the formation of new counties from old ones, and comments on the derivation of names of counties. Read before the Club, February 6, 1922.

COTTERILL, ROBERT S.

Kentucky and the Natchez Trace. Read before the Club, December 6, 1920.

James Guthrie, 1792-1869. A Kentuckian, and from 1853 to 1857 Secretary of the Treasury of the United States. Read before the Club, January 2, 1922. Will be published in The Register of the Kentucky State Historical Society, September, 1922.

DAVIS, WILLIAM J.

Daniel Boone. Response to a toast, Centennial Banquet, June 1, 1892. Published in Filson Club Publications No. 7: THE CENTENARY OF KENTUCKY.

DE LA HUNT, THOMAS JAMES.

Hancock County, Kentucky, and Indiana Neighbors. Read before the Club, April 2, 1916.

DUKE, BASIL W.

Virginia. Response to a toast, Centennial Banquet, June 1, 1892. Published in Publications No. 7: THE CENTENARY OF KENTUCKY.

Personal Recollections of the Battle of Shiloh. Read before the Club, April 6, 1914.

DUNCAN, MRS. FANNIE CASSEDAY.

How Our Grandfathers Lived, or It was in the Year 1795. Read before the Club, January 5, 1903.

Joel Tanner Hart—the Poet-Sculptor. Read before the Club, June 5, 1916.

George Rogers Clark—in 1782. Read before the Club at the Clark Centennial, November 19, 1918.

An Appreciation of a Kentucky Physician, Surgeon and Governor —Luke P. Blackburn. Read before the Club, May 1, 1922.

DURRETT, REUBEN T.

JOHN FILSON. Read before the Club; printed in 1884 as Filson Club Publications No. 1.

HISTORICAL SKETCH OF ST. PAUL'S CHURCH. Prepared for the Semi-Centennial Celebration of the church, October 6, 1889. Printed in 1889 as Filson Club Publications No. 5.

The Deaths of the Hon. Harvey M. Watterson, Gen. Alpheus Baker and Mr. William H. Perrin, and Sketches of their Lives—Prepared for The Filson Club and published in the Courier-Journal, October 10, 1891.

The State of Kentucky: Its Discovery, Settlement, Autonomy, and Progress for a Hundred Years, 1792-1892. Read at the Centennial Celebration, June 1, 1892, and printed in Filson Club Publications No. 7: THE CENTENARY OF KENTUCKY.

Prepared for publication, in 1892, Filson Club Publications No. 7: CENTENARY OF KENTUCKY.

DURRETT, REUBEN T.—Continued.

CENTENARY OF LOUISVILLE. Written in 1880; read in part before the Club; printed in 1893 as Filson Club Publications No. 8.

A Sketch of the Life and Writings of William Davis Gallagher, 1808-1894. Read before the Club, October 1, 1894.

A Sketch of Rev. Richard Henderson Rivers, 1814-1894. Read before the Club, October 1, 1894.

Governor Charles Anderson, 1814-1895. Read before the Club, October 7, 1895.

Petition of The Filson Club to the Congress of the United States for the Old Custom House Property, Third and Green Streets in Louisville, Kentucky. Dated February 22, 1896.

The First Act in the Siege of Bryant's Station. Read in 1896 and printed in Filson Club Publications No. 12: BRYANT'S STATION.

Prepared for publication, in 1897, Filson Club Publications No. 12: BRYANT'S STATION.

Biographical Sketch of George M. Davie, 1848-1900. Read before the Club, March 5, 1900.

Speech of Acceptance and Thanks in behalf of The Filson Club for Portrait of George M. Davie, painted and presented by Aurelius O. Revenaugh. Read before the Club, January 7, 1901.

William Chenault, 1839-1901. Read before the Club, October 7, 1901.

The First Christmas in Louisville, December 25, 1778. Read before the Club, February 3, 1902.

Remarks of President Durrett, at the Meeting of The Filson Club, Announcing the Death of Four Members: John White, Dr. Lyman Beecher Todd, Walter N. Haldeman and Col. Richard C. Wintersmith. Read before the Club, June 2, 1902.

Life of Samuel W. Price. Preface to THE OLD MASTERS OF THE BLUEGRASS. Read before the Club; printed in 1902 in Filson Club Publications No. 17.

DURRETT, REUBEN T.—Continued.

Impressments in 1786 and What Followed the Taking of a Cow. Read before the Club, June 5, 1905.

Henry Clay and George Rogers Clark in the National Statuary Hall—Remarks made by Col. Durrett, president of The Filson Club before the joint committee appointed by the Kentucky Historical Society and The Filson Club which met at Frankfort, January 17, 1906, to consider the Kentuckians whose statues should be placed in the National Statuary Hall at Washington.

Reception Speech of Col. R. T. Durrett, President of The Filson Club, at the Dedicatory Ceremonies of the Boone Statue, in Cherokee Park, Louisville, June 15, 1906.

TRADITIONS OF THE EARLIEST VISITS OF FOREIGNERS TO NORTH AMERICA. Read in part before the Club; printed in 1908 as Filson Club Publications No. 23.

List of members of The Filson Club or comments on the origin and progress of the Club. See last pages of Filson Club Publications Nos. 7, 12, 13, 14, 15, 21 and 23.

ELLWANGER, MRS. ELLA HUTCHISON.

History of Estill County. Read before the Club, January 5, 1914.

FRAZEE, L. J.

Extracts from the Narrative of James O. Pattie, with Observations. [Pattie's Narrative, edited by Timothy Flint and published in 1831.] Read before the Club, November 7, 1898.

Early Railroading in America. Read before the Club, December 5, 1904.

GILBERT, DR. R. B.

The Pre-Historic Animals of Kentucky. Read before the Club, December 3, 1917, and February 1, 1909. Printed in The Register of the Kentucky State Historical Society, May, 1909.

GREENE, BUCKNER F.

A Report to The Filson Club by Its Delegate to the Eighth International Geographic Congress, Washington, September, 1904. Read before the Club, October 3, 1904.

GREENE, MISS NANCI LEWIS.

A Sketch of Mrs. Anna R. Des Cognets—whose death occurred August 21, 1902. Read before the Club, October 6, 1902.

GREENLEY, THOMAS B.

Reminiscences—The Lives and Characters of Some of the Old Physicians of Louisville. Read before the Club, probably in 1900.

Some Reminiscences of Old Times in Louisville. Read before the Club, April 4, 1904.

HARRISON, MRS. IDA WITHERS.

The Transylvania Botanic Garden Established in 1824. Read before the Club, April 6, 1903.

HAYS, WILL S.

"The Mothers of the West"—Poem by William D. Gallagher, set to music by Will S. Hays, sung by Dorothea Berthel, Centennial Banquet, June 1, 1892. Republished in Filson Club Publications No. 7: THE CENTENARY OF KENTUCKY.

HAYS, MRS. WILL S.

Water-Ways and Steamboats. Steamboat life on the Ohio and Mississippi, including a picture of the steamer Will S. Hays. Read before the Club, May 1, 1916.

HENSEL, OCTAVIA [MRS. MARY A. I. FONDA].

Music in Kentucky: I Louisville Singers and Teachers. II Choral Societies. III Biographical Sketches of Church Singers, Organists and Piano and Musical Dealers. IV Lancaster, Garrard County. V Harrodsburg. VI Henderson, Casper Friedrich Artes. VII Frankfort. VIII Charles H. Shackleton's Collection of Programs of Concerts, 1853-1893. Read before the Club, March 5, 1894.

HEYWOOD, REV. JOHN H.

Judge James Speed and His Family. Read before the Club, June 4, 1894.

HUMPHREY, ALEXANDER P.

Isaac Shelby, The First Governor of Kentucky. Response to a toast, Centennial Banquet, June 1, 1892. Published in Filson Club Publications No. 7: THE CENTENARY OF KENTUCKY.

HUMPHREY, E. W. C.

Indian Land Titles in Our Commonwealth. Read before the Club, January 6, 1896.

George M. Davie, 1848-1900. Read before the Club, March 5, 1900.

HUNTER, MRS. ROBERT.

Shelby County and Its History. Read before the Club, February 3, 1908.

Oldham County One Hundred Years Ago and Now. Read before the Club, March 3, 1919.

HUSTON, GEORGE.

Reminiscences Regarding John U. Waring, Pioneer. Read before the Club, March, 1903.

JILLSON, WILLARD ROUSE.

A History of the Coal Industry in Kentucky. Read before the Club, November 7, 1921. Printed in The Register of the Kentucky State Historical Society, January, 1922.

The Discovery of Kentucky—An exposition of the mythical character of all explorations ascribed to Kentucky prior to actual Discovery by Gabriel Arthur, Virginian, in 1674. Read before the Club, April 3, 1922. Printed in The Register of the Kentucky State Historical Society, May, 1922.

JOHNSON, SHIRLEY EVERTON.

Conquering a Smallpox Epidemic in Kentucky, 1898. Read before the Club, May 7, 1900.

JOHNSTON, J. STODDARD.

FIRST EXPLORATIONS OF KENTUCKY. Read in part before the Club; printed in 1898 as Filson Club Publications No. 13.

George W. Ranck, 1841-1901. Read before the Club, October 7, 1901.

Captain Harry Gordon's Journal—1766. Read before the Club, March 3, 1902.

Sketch of Reuben Thomas Durrett—born January 22, 1824, and now an octogenarian. Written for the Club, March 24, 1904.

The Settlement of Harrodsburg—an address delivered at the 134th Anniversary Celebration of the Founding of Harrodsburg, June 16, 1908.

JONES, LEWIS H.

Emma Bledsoe, a Slave. Read before the Club, October 3, 1910.

KILPATRICK, LEWIS H.

The Journal of William Calk, Kentucky Pioneer. Read before the Club, March 1, 1920. Printed in The Mississippi Valley Historical Review, March, 1921.

LAFFERTY, MRS. W. T.

The Lair Family, by Mrs. Maud Ward Lafferty and Mrs. S. Eliza Lair. Read before the Club, August, 1909.

Early Taverns and Travelers in Central Kentucky. Read before the Club, February 4, 1918.

LEVI, MISS LILY C.

Traditions of Shippingport. Read before the Club, May 7, 1906.

Traditions of Portland. Read before the Club, May 6, 1907.

Jeffersontown, Kentucky. Read before the Club, April 5, 1909.

Simon Kenton. Read before the Club, March 5, 1917.

Traditions of Shippingport. Read before the Club, March 7, 1921.

LINDSAY, WILLIAM.

George Washington, the First President. Response to a toast, Centennial Banquet, June 1, 1892. Printed in Filson Club Publications No. 7: THE CENTENARY OF KENTUCKY.

LITTLE, LUCIUS P.

Ann Marshall and Her Various Matrimonial Experiences. [Her first husband was Joseph Hamilton Daveiss.] Read before the Club, December 6, 1915.

LOOMS, GEORGE.

Notes and Reminiscences of the Volunteer Fire Department of Louisville. Read before the Club, May 5, 1919.

LOOS, CHARLES LOUIS.

My Impressions of the Late George W. Ranck. Read before the Club, October 7, 1901.

LYTLE, MRS. ELIZABETH.

"Cleopatra to Anthony," an original poem. Gen. Wm. H. Lytle's poem "Anthony to Cleopatra" gives the supposed last words of Anthony to Cleopatra, while Mrs. Lytle's gives the supposed last words of Cleopatra to Anthony. Read before the Club, November 4, 1901.

Winding Yarn—A poem. Read before the Club, December 4, 1901.

MCDOWELL, WILLIAM P.

Reminiscence of the Battle of Perryville. Read before the Club, May 2, 1898.

MCGILL, MISS JOSEPHINE.

Survival of the Folk-Ballad in Kentucky. Read before the Club, November 6, 1916.

MARTIN, ASA EARL.

ANTI-SLAVERY MOVEMENT IN KENTUCKY. Printed in 1918 as Filson Club Publications No. 29.

MARTIN, MRS. CLARENCE L.

William Wallace Harney, the Man and the Writer. Read before the Club, January 6, 1919.

MERCER, S. C.

Echo River and Civil War Echoes—a poem. Read before the Club, October 5, 1903.

MERRIMAN, MRS. FRANCIS E.

George Rogers Clark—from 1775 to 1778. Read before the Club, Clark Centennial, November 19, 1918.

History of Hartford and Ohio County. Read before the Club, April 5, 1920.

The Fontaine Family of Kentucky. To be read before the Club, June 5, 1922.

MILLER, MISS ELVIRA SYDNOR.

Henry T. Stanton. Read before the Club, June 5, 1898.

Miss Marie M. Thixton—1861–1901. Read before the Club, November, 1901.

MUELLER, IGNATIUS.

Characteristics of True American Citizenship. Read before the Club, March 1, 1915.

NEEDHAM, CHARLES K.

Life and Achievements of Albert Fink, 1827-1897. Read before the Club, October 4, 1920.

A Review of the Efforts that have been Made to Develop the Water Power at the Falls of the Ohio. Read before the Club, December 5, 1921.

PARSONS, T. W.

A History of Breathitt County, Kentucky. Read before the Club, December 2, 1895.

PERRIN, WILLIAM HENRY.

THE PIONEER PRESS OF KENTUCKY. Read in part before the Club; printed in 1888 as Filson Club Publications No. 3.

PETER, ROBERT.

Extracts from the History of the Medical Department of Transylvania University. Read before the Club, November 7, 1904.

PETER, ROBERT, AND MISS JOHANNA PETER.

TRANSYLVANIA UNIVERSITY. Read in part before the Club; printed in 1896 as Filson Club Publications No. 11.

HISTORY OF THE MEDICAL DEPARTMENT OF TRANSYLVANIA UNIVERSITY. Read in part before the Club; printed in 1905 as Filson Club Publications No. 20.

PETTUS, JOSEPH.

Recollections of the Battle of Perryville. Read before the Club, May, 1898.

Bland W. Ballard. Read before the Club, January 3, 1916.

PICKETT, THOMAS E.

THE QUEST FOR A LOST RACE. Read in part before the Club; printed in 1907 as Filson Club Publications No. 22.

PIRTLE, ALFRED.

Report on the Condition of the Zachary Taylor Monument and Burial Ground. Read before the Club, December 5, 1898.

Report of Repairs, Completed by The Filson Club, on Zachary Taylor Burying Ground. Read before the Club, June 3, 1899.

BATTLE OF TIPPECANOE. Read in part before the Club; printed in 1900 as Filson Club Publications No. 15.

Report of the Committee on Location of First Fort in Louisville—on Rowan Street between Eleventh and Twelfth streets. Read before the Club, January 7, 1901, and February 3, 1902.

Sleet in Louisville and Other Parts of Kentucky, February, 1902. Written February 7, 1902. Read before the Club, March, 1902.

Cuthbert Bullitt's Personal Recollections of George Rogers Clark. Read before the Club, November, 1902.

PIRTLE, ALFRED—Continued.

The Political Campaign of 1844. Read before the Club, October 5, 1904.

The Filson Club [a few notes on its history from May 15, 1884, to May 15, 1909, the celebration of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Club]. Read before the Club, May 15, 1909, and May 3, 1913.

The Chenoweth Massacre—July 17, 1789. Read before the Club, June 6, 1910.

My First Trip up the Kentucky River—1844. Read before the Club; time of reading not recorded.

A Sketch of John Filson and a Look at John Filson's Map. Read before the Club, March 4, 1912.

Louisville up to 1830. A Paper Read before the Staff of the Louisville Free Public Library, April 29, 1913. A summary of several talks before the Club in 1912.

Mulberry Hill, the First Home of George Rogers Clark in Kentucky. Read before the Club, January 2, 1917. Printed in The Register of the Kentucky State Historical Society, September, 1917.

Reminiscences of Louisville—1840, Shortly Before and After. Read before the Club, March 5, 1917.

James Chenoweth, Pioneer. Read before the Club, June 2, 1917. Published as first part of his book: James Chenoweth and Where Louisville Started (Louisville, 1921).

Recollections of Jacob's Woods and the Sham Funeral of Andrew Jackson in Louisville, June, 1845. Read before the Club, January 7, 1918, and February 6, 1922.

Pilgrimage to the Sites of Floyd's Station, Dutch Station, Linn's Station and Spring Station, On the Middle Fork of Beargrass Creek, Jefferson County, April 24, 1921. An eight-page program with historical data pertaining to these forts or stations, prepared by Alfred Pirtle and Otto A. Rothert for the Pilgrimage, and published by the Club, April 10, 1921.

PIRTLE, JAMES S.

The Freedom of the Mississippi. Response to a toast, Centennial Banquet, June 1, 1892. Printed in Filson Club Publications No. 7: THE CENTENARY OF KENTUCKY.

PIRTLE, JOHN ROWAN.

National Statuary Hall and Its Eligibles from the State of Kentucky. Read before the Club, January 1, 1906.

PRICE, SAMUEL W.

Old King Solomon of Kentucky. Read before the Club, May 6, 1901.

THE OLD MASTERS OF THE BLUEGRASS. Read in part before the Club; printed in 1902 as Filson Club Publications No. 17.

Biographical Sketch of Colonel Joseph Crockett. Read before the Club; printed in 1909 as Part Second of SKETCHES OF TWO DISTINGUISHED KENTUCKIANS, Filson Club Publications No. 24.

PUSEY, WILLIAM ALLEN.

The Wilderness Road. An illustrated lecture delivered before the Club, May 2, 1921. Dr. Pusey's lecture was based on his MS then in preparation and later published with maps and pictures in book form: The Wilderness Road to Kentucky, Its Location and Features (New York, 1921).

QUISENBERRY, ANDERSON C.

LOPEZ'S EXPEDITIONS TO CUBA. Read in part before the Club; printed in 1906 as Filson Club Publications No. 21.

RANCK, GEORGE W.

The Story of Bryant's Station. Read in 1896 and printed in Filson Club Publications No. 12: BRYANT'S STATION.

BOONESBOROUGH. Read in part before the Club; printed in 1901 as Filson Club Publications No. 16.

RICHARDSON, JOHN B.

Who Killed Tecumseh? Read before the Club, April 1, 1901.

ROBERTSON, JAMES ROOD.

PETITIONS OF THE EARLY INHABITANTS OF KENTUCKY. Read in part before the Club; printed in 1914 as Filson Club Publications No. 27.

ROLAND, ALICE KATE.

A Kentuckian's Greeting to the Home-Comers. Letter dated Birmingham, Alabama, June 10, 1906. Read before the Club.

ROTHERT, OTTO A.

Muhlenberg County: The Story of the Stack—the Stack of the Abandoned Buckner Furnace. Read before the Club, March 1, 1909.

A Review of James Weir's "Lonz Powers," a Romance of Western Kentucky. Read before the Club, June 5, 1911.

The Old Militia Muster. Read before the Club, February 5, 1912.

THE STORY OF A POET: MADISON CAWEIN. Read in part before the Club; printed in 1921 as Filson Club Publications No. 30.

THE FILSON CLUB AND ITS ACTIVITIES, 1884-1922. Read in part before the Club, April 3, 1922; printed in 1922 as Filson Club Publications No. 32.

ROUSE, MRS. ALICE READE.

Colonel Dick Johnson's Choctaw Academy, in Scott County, Kentucky, 1823-1845. Read before the Club, June 7, 1915.

SANDERS, MISS MYRA.

The Feuds of Eastern Kentucky. Read before the Club, October 5, 1914.

George Rogers Clark—from 1752 to 1774. Read before the Club, Clark Centennial, November 19, 1918.

The Salt Wells of Bullitt County and Vicinity. Read before the Club, April 4, 1921.

SANDERS, VERNEY.

Remarkable Career of George N. Sanders—Politician, President-Maker and Kentuckian. Read before the Club, April 5, 1897.

SCHACHNER, DR. AUGUST.

Dr. Ephraim McDowell—A Neglected Benefactor of the Human Race. Read before the Club, May 1, 1922.

SCOTT, MRS. ELIZABETH S. B.

The Lexington Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution and their Commemorative Proceedings, August 18, 1896. Read in 1896 and printed in Filson Club Publications No. 12: BRYANT'S STATION.

SEWELL, MRS. NAT B.

Education in the Kentucky Mountains. Read before the Club, December 1, 1919.

SEYMOUR, CHARLES B.

Recollections of Louisville. A paper dealing principally with the history of Jefferson Street from Third down to Twelfth, during 1851 to 1854. Read before the Club, October 1, 1917.

A History of the Jefferson County Court House. Read before the Club, January 3, 1921.

SMITH, D. T.

Reminiscences of the Civil War in Kentucky. Read before the Club, February 2, 1903.

SMITH, JOHN F.

Anglo-American Folklore in Kentucky. Read before the Club, February 7, 1921.

Kentucky Folks at the Heads of the Hollows. Read before the Club, March 6, 1922.

SMITH, ZACHARY F.

The Mother of Henry Clay. Read before the Club; printed in 1899 as Part First of THE CLAY FAMILY, Filson Club Publications No. 14.

Life and Labors of John Gano, the Noted Pioneer Preacher. Read before the Club, June 5, 1899.

Copy of Statement of Gen. Richard M. Gano, of Dallas, Texas, Relative to George Washington and Rev. John Gano. Read before the Club, June 5, 1899.

BATTLE OF NEW ORLEANS. Read in part before the Club; printed in 1903 as Filson Club Publications No. 19.

Dueling and Some Noted Duels by Kentuckians. Read before the Club, March 2, 1910.

Henry Clay. Read before the Club, April, 1911.

SPEED, THOMAS.

THE WILDERNESS ROAD. Read before the Club; printed in 1886 as Filson Club Publications No. 2.

John Filson. Response to a toast, Centennial Banquet, June 1, 1892. Printed in Filson Club Publications No. 7: THE CENTENARY OF KENTUCKY.

THE POLITICAL CLUB. Read in part before the Club; printed in 1894 as Filson Club Publications No. 9.

Speech accepting, in behalf of The Filson Club, A. O. Revenaugh's Portrait of George M. Davie. Presented by the Artist to the Club. Read before the Club, January 7, 1901.

STANTON, HENRY T.

Kentucky—a poem. Read at the Centennial Celebration, June 1, 1892, and printed in Filson Club Publications No. 7: THE CENTENARY OF KENTUCKY.

The Women of Bryant's Station—a poem. Read in 1896 and printed in Filson Club Publications No. 12: BRYANT'S STATION.

STEPHENSON, MISS MARTHA.

Old Time Lotteries in Kentucky. Read before the Club, November 5, 1917.

George Rogers Clark—from 1780 to 1781. Read before the Club, Clark Centennial, November 19, 1921.

STONE, MAY, AND KATHERINE R. PETTIT.

Education in the Kentucky Mountains—The Story of the Settlement and School at Hindman. Read before the Club, February 4, 1907.

STROTHER, JOHN C.

Some Causes which Led to the War with Mexico in 1846, and Some Glimpses at the Present and Future of Mexico. Read before the Club, February 1, 1915.

George Rogers Clark—from 1783 to 1799. Read before the Club, Clark Centennial, November 19, 1918.

Historical Sketch of Trimble County. Read before the Club, February 2, 1920.

STUART, T. G.

Clark County, the Cradle of Kentucky History. Read before the Club, June 6, 1921.

SUMMERS, WM. T.

Reminiscences of 1858 to 1878 in Louisville. Read before the Club, April 2, 1917.

THIXTON, MISS MARIE M.

Louisville Song Writers. Read before the Club, December 3, 1900.

THOMAS, D. L.

Bad-Luck Superstitions in Kentucky. Read before the Club, November 6, 1916.

THOMPSON, STITH.

Pioneer Roads to Kentucky, 1750-1787. Read before the Club, October 2, 1911.

THRUSTON, R. C. BALLARD.

The Durrett Library and Relics. Read before the Club, March 2, 1914.

The Origin and Evolution of the United States Flag. An address before the Club, March 2, 1914. Later published with illustrations in The Year Book of the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution (Washington, 1915). Republished in pamphlet form (Washington, 1915).

TODD, GEORGE D.

A Sketch of Judge Harry Innis. Read before the Club, May, 1894.

The Capture of Ruddle's and Martin's Stations by British and Indians. Read before the Club, February 1, 1897.

The First Cotton Factory in the West. Read before the Club, March 7, 1898.

The Capture of Ruddle's and Martin's Stations, in Kentucky, by the British and Indians, June 26 and 28, 1780. Read before the Club, 1900.

How the Pioneers of the West Marketed their Products. Read before the Club, May 4, 1903.

Peter Callaway, A Slave Captured by Indians. Read before the Club, September, 1912.

TODD, LYMAN B.

My Impressions of the Late George W. Ranck. Read before the Club, October 7, 1901. (A letter dated Friday, October 4, 1901.)

TOWNSEND, JOHN WILSON.

Life of James Francis Leonard. Read before the Club; printed in 1909 as Part First of SKETCHES OF TWO DISTINGUISHED KENTUCKIANS. Filson Club Publications No. 24.

Kentucky: Mother of Governors. Read before the Club, October 4, 1909.

TRABUE, MISS ALICE E.

The Most Famous Square in America. [Located in Frankfort, Kentucky.] Read before the Club, October 3, 1921.

TUCKER, MRS. MATTIE B.

Negro Superstitions. Read before the Club, January 5, 1903.

VERHOEFF, MARY.

THE KENTUCKY MOUNTAINS. Read in part before the Club; printed in 1911 as Filson Club Publications No. 26.

THE KENTUCKY RIVER NAVIGATION. Read in part before the Club; printed in 1917 as Filson Club Publications No. 28.

WALTER, LEWIS A.

Thet Jim Crow Kyar. A true story based on the Jim Crow Car Law. Some of the characters are members of General Woodson Price's family. Read before the Club, May, 1893.

How Massa Wood Entertained Dem G. A. R's. A true story describing how General Woodson Price, during the G. A. R. Encampment held in Louisville in 1895, entertained some of his soldier friends. Read before the Club, December, 1895.

How Miss Penn Danced the Yankees Down. A true story of how, near the close of the Civil War, a Southern girl danced down three Northern soldiers at Graham Springs. Read before the Club, 1902.

WATTERSON, HENRY.

David Wendell Yandell, 1826-1898. Read before the Club, June 5, 1898.

WHITSITT, WILLIAM H.

LIFE AND TIMES OF JUDGE CALEB WALLACE. Read in part before the Club; printed in 1888 as Filson Club Publications No. 4.

WOOD, WM. F.

Mignonette—a poem. Read before the Club, December 4, 1901.

WOODSON, ISAAC T.

Sacred Home and Fireside—a poem. Read before the Club, November 1, 1897.

A Sketch of the Life of Gen. Alpheus Baker, with Choice Extracts from his Addresses—1825-1891. Read before the Club, February 6, 1899.

George M. Davie, 1848-1900. Read before the Club, March 5, 1900.

YOUNG, BENNETT H.

The Battle of Blue Licks, a Sequel to the Siege of Bryant's Station. Read before the Club and printed in Filson Club Publications No. 12: BRYANT'S STATION.

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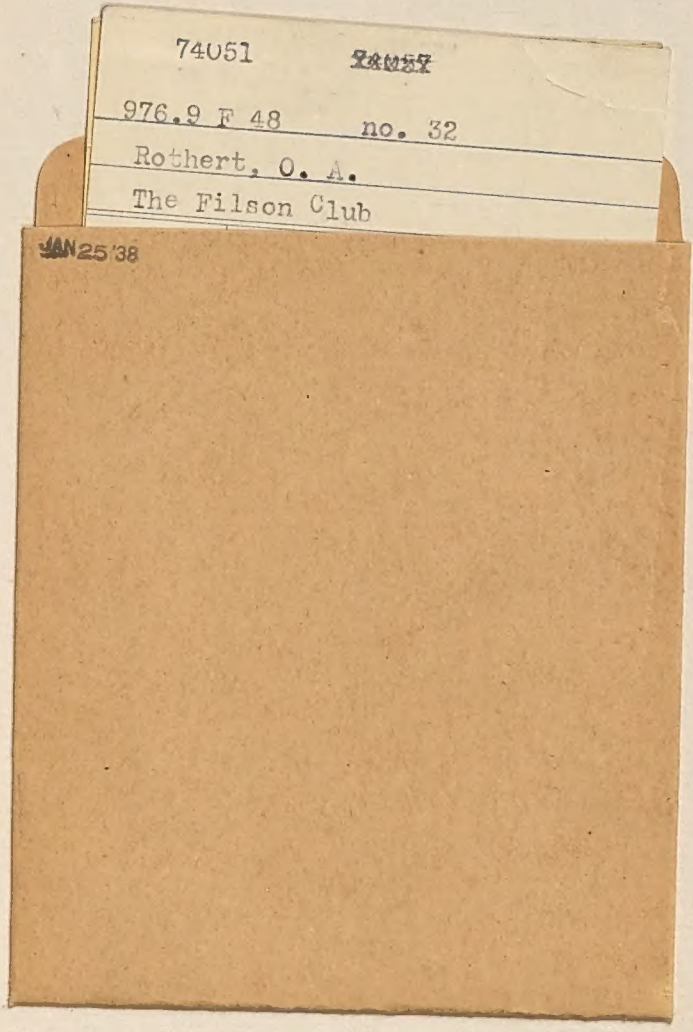
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